



## **SEVENTY-FIFTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY**

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### **Infection prevention and control**

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Infection prevention and control (IPC) is fundamental to protecting patients and health personnel from health care-associated infections. Nurses play a crucial role in educating patients and their families, leading IPC teams and initiatives, and supporting the multidisciplinary team to apply IPC principles and best practices across health care settings, including efforts to combat antimicrobial resistance.

The International Council of Nurses (ICN) recognizes the importance of IPC nurse specialists and their dedicated role in implementing IPC core components and integrating IPC with health care delivery. We call on Member States to support and protect nurses and other health personnel by ensuring safe staffing levels, providing sufficient personal protective equipment and regular IPC training, and ensuring access to vaccines for infection prevention. ICN will continue to contribute and direct its work to achieve safe care delivery and health security.